Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

The Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Bill—(Mr. K. M. Ibrahim)

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move that the Cochin Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Bill be taken up and finally passed. With your leave, Sir, two printing mistakes have occurred in the Bill. They are very minor mistakes. In section 3(a) the marginal note has been incorporated in the section. I may be permitted to rectify that mistake.

Mr. President: I do not think it is necessary to move formal amendments. If the mistakes are pointed out they will be attended to when the Bill is reprinted.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* I thought that with the permission of the Chair I should move formal amendments.

Mr. President: That is not necessary. It is purely a misprint. That will be corrected as a matter of routine.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* In the next section instead of "ground" "grounds" must be added.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Specific Relief Act (Amendment) Bill—

(Mr. K. Narayana Menon)

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I beg to move that the Cochin Specific Relief Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* I second it.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to oppose the motion.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* In view of the fact that the Bill had a thread-bare discussion yesterday on its merits I do not think that I should advance any further argument. This House has already expressed its opinion yesterday and I request that the House will continue its support to the Bill.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I also follow the example of my Hon'ble friend. I need not repeat my arguments over again. I therefore do not wish to add anything further.

Motion put and carried

The Cochin Verumpattamdars Act (Amendment) Bill—

(Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan)

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I was addressing this House last evening about the amendment tabled by Government and I was dealing with the first amendment, the purpose of which is to delete the first proviso that appears in clause 3 of the Bill. I explained the principle involved. I once again request the House to be pleased to accept the amendment tabled.

Mr. K. Ashtamoorthi Nambudiripad *(Land-Lords):* I support this amendment.

***Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* This subject of conversion of money pattam to cocoanut pattam has been the subject of consideration for a considerable time ever since the Bill was finally passed and after that the present provision as it stands is causing considerable hardship to the agriculturists. According to the provision in the present Act, suppose there is a pattamchit of the year 1107 and the pattam fixed is Rs. 60. The price of cocoanuts at that time is Rs. 60 per thousand. Then he has to pay the present value of 1,000 cocoanuts. So, that will in some cases of pattamchits of depression periods, say 1107, 1110 when the price of cocoanuts is Rs. 30, he has to pay now 4 times the pattam. There are actual cases. I have come into contact with several people and I find there are cases in which 4 times the pattam has to be paid. To give some relief several suggestions have been considered by this House and I am glad that the Deputy President has tabled an amendment to the Bill. My first impression was that this Bill was really a benefit to the tenant. The first Bill was brought by the Hon'ble member for Kanayannur-Ezhuvas. Last night I took some pains to study how it will benefit the tenants and with the aid of the statistics published—we have even a long report of the statement

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member

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